

Local Intelligence.

THE CONDITION OF THE ROADS.—The reader who has not traveled the roads leading out of Prescott, during or since the storm of last week, may form an idea of their condition from our experience in coming from Skull Valley, on the buckboard, on Thursday and Friday, which of course included Thursday night.

In the first place, the ground was thoroughly saturated with rain, then came a fall of soft, wet, slushy snow, and on top of that, a layer of dry snow—the latter thawed a little on top during the day, and froze at night, forming a crust; this the horses had to break with their feet, not only, but were obliged to drag the wheels through it on either side, besides the mud and slush beneath, which were enough of themselves to make traveling very difficult. The fact that the night was bitter cold and froze the top of the snow to a glare of ice, did not interfere with the mud and snow beneath, and to say that it was a miserable trip is but a feeble attempt to convey an idea of how much one suffers, and how hard the labor of teams, and drivers whose business it is to face the storms and bad roads, no matter how severe. For seven hours while on the way in, from Mint Valley, it was impossible to make a mile an hour with four good horses and two good drivers as can be found in the country, for, where Bill Reid and Jim Carroll fail to make time, it is safe to say there is something the matter. Right here, while we think of it, on behalf of ourselves, who was the only passenger, and the two drivers, we desire to return thanks to Mr. Dearing, of Mint Valley, for refreshing us with a cup of strong, hot coffee, that cold night; and to Mr. Blair, of Burnett Ranch, who played towards us the part of a monk of San Bernard to the Alpine traveler, and placed us before a blazing fire while our tired and hungry team renewed their strength at his fodder stack and corn-crib.

MUSIC AT FORT WHIPPLE.—The second of the series of soirees musicales instituted by Lieut. Wilhelm was given at Fort Whipple on Wednesday evening last. The audience was larger and the civilian element better represented than on the preceding occasion. The programme was well selected and was equally well rendered. Of the instrumentalists Mrs. A. V. Kautz, as a pianiste, and A. E. Winiawski, as a violinist, are especially worthy of praise. The ever delightful "Shubert Serenade" and the overture of "Post and Peasant" were most exquisitely rendered by them. The concerted pieces of the Eighth Infantry Band were, of course, thoroughly well executed. The vocal music was superb. The duet from *Il Trovatore* was harmoniously given by Mrs. Kautz and Mr. Garrett, and the "Bella go Ringing for Sarah" merrily sung by Miss Kitty Hitchcock—both of which were enthusiastically applauded—formed the vocal portion of the first part. In the second part, the beautiful "Evening Song to the Virgin" was admirably given by Mrs. E. D. Thomas and Miss Carrie Wilkins. The quaint and pathetic "Old Black Joe," with chorus (congregational)—in which Capt. Nickerson and Lieut. Ross distinguished themselves, sung by Mr. Garrett, was encored, and in response to the call that versatile gentleman gave "Finnegans Wake." The other song was Gounod's "Canti Ridi Dormi," which was sweetly and artistically rendered by Mrs. Kautz. The whole arrangements were excellent, and the programme was executed with ability by all the ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the enjoyment of a pleasant evening. We again congratulate Lieut. Wilhelm on the success of the concert, and thank him on behalf of the town-folk who were fortunate enough to be present.

THE "CLIFFER SAW-MILL."—On Sunday last, in company with the proprietor, Lieut. W. J. Ross; his agent, H. Ott (Charley), and D. W. Higgins, we proceeded to visit this new mill, recently erected and put in active operation by its enterprising proprietor. The mill is situated on the Hassayampa, about eight miles south of Prescott, some two and a half miles distant from the old Quartz Mountain saw-mill, and in the center of one of the finest pine forests in this section of the country. On our arrival—through the courtesy of the engineer, Mr. Harrington, and chief sawyer, Mr. Wyley—we had the opportunity of witnessing the working of the model circular, which proved itself a "clipper" in truth; after a short run of about one hour 300 feet of the best sawed lumber we ever remember having seen was exposed to view. Everything seemed to work to a charm, and we were assured, as was self-evident, that the cutting capacity of the mill is from seven to eight thousand feet per day. Mr. Ross has quite a force of men employed at the mill and the best of accommodations are furnished them. We sincerely wish the operations of the new mill may meet with the success its enterprising proprietor richly merits, and of which we have no doubt, when we take into consideration the many advantages and bear in mind the fact of our esteemed friend Mr. Ott, who is so well known as an energetic and thorough business man, being manager of the concern.

HEARD FROM.—J. M. Roberts, of Donahue, Cal., with whom we occupied a place at Bigelow's store very pleasantly, but who went prospecting with Theo. Boggs just before the late storm, sends us by the hand of Ed. G. Peck some very rich specimens of copper ore, which, without pretending to be an expert, we estimate at ninety per cent copper, at least, besides an appearance of silver. Mr. Boggs also sends us by the same gentleman some very rich copper ore as well as some bearing silver and gold. These specimens are from near Boggs' ranch, somewhere in the neighborhood of the Agua Fria. We were assured by Mr. Boggs that he was well and that these ores are very abundant, and with railroad transportation there can be no doubt, that Yavapai county will add copper mining to her other valuable industries, and that those who secure these rich deposits now while they are vacant and unclaimed will eventually find themselves on the highway to fortune.

QUERER FISH.—Cal. and Jesse Jackson have some specimens of an aquatic animal the like of which we have never seen nor heard of before. They in shape resemble some of the various species of lizards that are found all over the coast, but are heavier in proportion to their length. They have four legs and feet and a long tail, like the water-dogs of the western Atlantic rivers, but are provided with gills like a fish, and evidently derive the requisite supply of oxygen to sustain life from the water that passes through their organs. Around these gills is a soft, dark-colored down resembling feathers. The largest one is several inches in length, and was caught with a hook in the Santa Maria, near the ranch of Sol Jackson. They are preserved in alcohol, and may be seen at the saloon of Jackson & Tompkins.

Fredericks' mill will start up in a few days; the engine is all in place, and now they have only to steam up and ascertain her speed, after which there is one pulley to make, the size of which depends on the velocity of the engine, when away she goes, and we may expect to hear of good results, in a short time.

The Fredericks' mine has heretofore given a good account of itself with inferior machinery, and now it is but reasonable to anticipate results corresponding with the improved character of her works.

THE "Grand New Year Gift Enterprise" drawing came off Wednesday evening last at the Court House, in the presence of a large number of ticket holders. Miss Viola Cook and Miss Berde Davis were the young ladies who officiated at the Lottery wheels, assisted by Mr. John Marion and Mr. J. Rodenberg who were chosen as a committee by the ticket holders. Everything seemed to be conducted in a fair and honorable manner and gave universal satisfaction to all parties interested. As space will not admit our publishing a complete list in this issue, we in the meantime may mention the names of Mrs. E. W. Wells, Mr. Parker, Mr. Giles, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Prater, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. L. A. Stevens, Mr. Fred Henry, Mr. Brochman, Mr. Spaulding, Mr. Penwell, Mr. Noyes, Miss Jennie Andrew, and Miss Sadie Mansfield as winners of some of the principal prizes, as far as heard from yet, and there still remain on hand prizes for the following numbers, viz: 724, 370, 84, 356, 562, 353, 139, 552, which can be obtained on presentation of said tickets to Messrs. Fisher & Thorne.

OLD ACQUAINTANCES.—Merely as an example of how the old Argonauts, failing to find the golden fleece in one country, separate, go in divergent directions and after years of fruitless quest, again come together in far off latitudes, we mention that in leaving San Francisco, in December, for the far South, we felt as if we were going into a strange land where we would be as little likely to meet an acquaintance, as if we were going into the diamond mines of South Africa. On our arrival in Prescott, however, our mind was soon disabused of this heresy. Nearly the first man we met was Rudolph Pfefferling, whom we had known all over California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Nevada. Then came Dan Thorne, Hutchinson, Tim Gleason, John Shaw and Wm. Nash from Idaho, Jake Marks from Elko, Nevada, and we can't now remember how many more of the old timers. A week later and here came Joe James and wife, from Tehama, California; so that, instead of going among strangers, we felt as if we had got home. And a home we are endeavoring to make it.

VERY RICH SPECIMENS.—Dan Thorne exhibited to us a specimen of gold and silver bearing quartz taken from a recent discovery somewhere to the westward of Skull Valley, in the direction of the Santa Maria. By the way, Hutchinson and Thorne have a very valuable cabinet of minerals at their place of business on Montezuma street, to which we are indebted for much of the limited knowledge of the mineral resources of the country we possess. Any one, we think, with any knowledge of the value of mineral bearing rock, must conclude, after examining this collection and learning the localities from which the several samples are taken, that this country only awaits cheap transportation and the introduction of capital to become one of the best mining countries on earth.

THE LATE STORM.—From the testimony of many old settlers, we learn that this is the wettest and snowiest winter ever known to Americans in Arizona, and the late storm which began a week ago last Monday was altogether the most severe of this winter. It snowed almost incessantly from Monday morning until Wednesday night, but a part of the time it melted about as fast as it fell and left the ground covered to a depth of twenty-two inches when the storm ceased.

STILL WORSE.—Ben Baker, who drives the buckboard, in the direction of the Little Colorado, carrying the mails for New Mexico, informs us that the roads are perfectly awful, in fact, worse than ever before known.

Last week, the driver from Cerbat, in Mohave county, had to abandon his buckboard at Juniper Mountain, and bring the mail in on horseback. He says the snow is four feet deep on the Juniper range.

VALUABLE CHICKENS.—Mrs. Kelsey, of Kirkland Valley, in this county, sold one thousand and four dozen eggs between the 1st of April, 1874, and the 1st of January, 1875, at an average of one dollar a dozen, thus realizing one thousand dollars in nine months from the sale of eggs alone. Making butter and cheese is her real employment and this egg business is only a sort of side play.

G. W. CHESLEY & Co., of San Francisco, place themselves before Arizona business men through the medium of our advertising columns. They have the reputation of fair and honorable dealers. Captain D'Artois is their traveling agent in Arizona, and the people are sufficiently well acquainted with him to know the house he represents must be a good one. They are sole agents for the celebrated Cundurango Bitters.

Our popular Under Sheriff F. D. Parker received by Monday's mail from F. H. Goodwin, United States Marshal for Arizona, an appointment as Deputy United States Marshal for this and Maricopa counties. We consider the appointment a good one, as Mr. Parker is a gentleman well qualified to fill this or any other position.

JIM BONES left San Bernardino with his stage January 21st, and is expected here to-day or tomorrow. He desires us to say that he will leave again for California on or about February 10th, and be prepared to take passengers through in good style, at reasonable rates and with dispatch.

That quicksilver exists somewhere in this county is evident from the number and quality of pieces of cinnabar found in the old runs along the Verde and elsewhere. Wm. Head assures us that he has seen some very rich specimens found near Camp Verde.

KELLY & STEPHENS have a new advertisement in this issue. They deal in all manner of fancy goods, Yankee notions, toys etc., and have on hand some of those exquisitely flavored Tepee cigars, and an endless variety of Valentines for the coming 14th.

Too MUCH SNOW.—One of the buildings connected with the Bigbug or Hitchcock mill, on Bigbug Creek, was crushed in during the late storm, but we hear that but little or no damage was done to any of the machinery.

PRESCOTT is probably the largest town in the world that has no hotel. This must not remain thus. A city with a Mayor, City Council and Marshal, and without a hotel, is an anomaly.

MRS. BULKLEY, nearly opposite the P. O., is making some splendid blanket gloves, though she has not received her patterns from San Francisco and is not fully prepared for business as yet.

E. FENDER, an old acquaintance from Shasta county, preparing to build a hotel on the north east corner of the Plaza.

THERE is a law-suit going on in Justice Carter's Court, but will not come to a head in time for this issue.

ONLY one passenger by the last buckboard—Mr. Dawson from Agua Fria.

FOUR-CARD MONTE has been invented by the "sports" of Nevada to evade the late law.

THE Virginia (Nev.) Independent has suspended.

VILLAGE COUNCIL.

Board met on Monday, February 1st. Present, Mayor C. A. Luke and Councilmen Raible and Foster.

Committee on Streets and Alleys reported recommending that all streets and alleys laid out as such be opened. Adopted.

The Marshal was ordered to notify all persons obstructing the same by fences or otherwise to remove such obstructions within thirty days.

Committee on Chimneys and Flues reported that they had investigated the matter, and where defects were found had notified the owners or occupants of such buildings to at once repair them. Some had already made the required repairs, and others would do so as soon as the weather permits.

It was ordered that six hooks and two new ladders be made at once for the use of the village in case of fire.

Committee on bridge across Granite Creek asked further time to report. Granted.

Committee appointed to examine reports of Village Recorder and Village Treasurer asked further time to report. Granted till next meeting.

On motion, it was ordered that the Recorder be allowed five dollars for each meeting for services as Clerk of the Board, and ten dollars per month office rent.

Adjourned to February 15th, at 7 o'clock P. M.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on Monday last, February 1st. Present, full Board.

The report of H. H. Carter, ex-District Attorney, on delinquent tax-roll for 1872-73 was duly accepted, and the bonds of Mr. Carter as District Attorney for the term of 1873-74 were ordered cancelled.

The official bond of Ed. W. Wells, District Attorney, was examined and approved.

Several accounts were audited and allowed.

The contract for feeding the county prisoners for the ensuing year was awarded to Thos. Whitehead at eight dollars per week for each prisoner.

The Board ordered that Mrs. Steinbrook be allowed twenty dollars per month for maintenance for self and children; said amount to be placed in the hands of the Chairman, Benj. H. Weaver, to be expended as judiciously as possible for the use and benefit of said Mrs. Steinbrook and children. The order to remain in full force and effect until rescinded by the Board.

Ordered that the County Treasurer be authorized to purchase an office stove at a cost of not exceeding twenty dollars.

Board adjourned till Monday, March 1st, at 10 o'clock A. M.

EDUCATING THE HEATHEN.

The following anecdote comes to us from the Verde:

Camp — is not many miles from Prescott, strictly speaking it is a military post, and considered an important one in operating against the Indians.

Rio — reservation is within a good hour's ride from Camp, and frequently Indians, on getting the necessary pass from the Indian Agent, come to Camp to see what they can see, or perhaps beg from the soldiers. The U. S. Government lately completed a telegraph line to Camp, which, as may be expected, is a source of great curiosity, argument and comment as to how, wherefore and why.

Will S — is the operator, who, by the way, is a New Yorker, and up to any fun, you bet; so, one day, observing three Tontos busily engaged in watching the telegraph wire outside of the office, putting their ears to the pole and listening to the vibrations of the wire, which most always makes a humming sound. Will conceived the idea of having some fun at Tontos' expense. Now, Will S —, let it be known, is a firm advocate of science, and believes in educating the ignorant masses, scientific lectures etc., and he determined to enlighten poor Indian, and give "ye gentile Tonto" a lecture on the merits of the Electric Telegraph, its great benefit to commerce and mankind, and wind up with an experiment or two, *a la* Prof. Tyndall, and invited the Indians into the office, an invitation which was obeyed with alacrity, one of them going beyond the bounds of good breeding so far as to try one of Will's white shirts on, without permission; he was gently reprimanded and Will began to explain, to the trio, by means of numerous signs, greatly resembling a Christmas pantomime, the *modus operandi* of sending and receiving telegrams; but it was evidently beyond the Indians' comprehension, as the only remark they made was, "No savvy," or in English, no understanding; so that part of the programme was dropped, and the experiments commenced: The wire was arranged and the trio were given a slight shock of electricity, in turn, which greatly pleased them, but the best part was to come; the wires were again arranged, so as to control the full power of the main battery, and one of the Tontos, a heathen with red paint on his face, was induced to put the end of a wire in his mouth; the circuit was then connected. There was a shriek, a war whoop, a horrible yell; and now, all you have to do to get rid of them three Tontos is to point a piece of wire at them, they evidently will think to their dying day that Will is in league with "Old Nick" and has evil designs on them. Such is the reward of science.

CASTLE-DONE mines are prospering, shipping ore etc.

An adroit thief who abstracted an ostentatiously displayed check for a thousand dollars from the gifts at a wedding the other day, only to find that the old man's balance in the bank was four dollars and fifty cents, thinks there is no chance for honest industry in this city.—[Brooklyn Argus.

THE Brooklyn Argus remarks that "there are those who may have noticed how suddenly the truly considerate man will leave church when he sees the plate coming around and walk home in a blinding snow-storm that he may yield the seat in his carriage to some infirm sister."

THICKERY tells of a woman begging alms from him, when she saw him put his hand in his pocket, cried out: "May the blessing of God follow your life!" But when he only pulled out his snuff-box, she immediately added: "And never overtake ye."

"ONLY a woman's hair," remarked Spivens, musingly, as he gazed down into his plate; "a red-headed woman, at that! It may be very sentimental, but it somehow gets away with my appetite."

MINING IN YAVAPAI COUNTY.

ITS EXTENT, WATER FACILITIES, AND OTHER ADVANTAGES.

In attempting to get information concerning mining affairs in the vicinity of Prescott, we have experienced some difficulty owing to the late storms, and items are not plenty. The late snow storm has almost blockaded the roads and trails, and but few of the honest miners have been in town for two weeks. On the heads of Big Bug, Turkey Creek, Lynx Creek, and the Hassayampa the snow is over four feet deep, and though the nights are very cold, the warm February sun is melting it rapidly and all the mountain streams are running full, and consequently the placer miners are in high glee, and doing well.

Smith & Marcutt, at the old Excelsior claims, on Lower Lynx Creek, are piping and sustaining the reputation of the claim, as twenty dollar diggings. All the way up the Creek, parties who have been throwing up dirt during the Fall, and drifting out the "pay grit," are now washing with sluices, and making money.

On the Hassayampa, Gorton & Co., who are working below the mouth of Groom's Creek, have struck some rich spots, and were in town Monday, for provisions, with considerable dust, and well pleased with their prospects.

On the Big Bug, parties are working under the old Osborn ditch and at the Mexican claims below, making good wages.

Several parties who have not been engaged in placer mines since 1868 have gone out during the past week, to work on spots they had staked out for six years past. There is so much snow in the mountains, that water, for the next four months, is assured, and doubtless more placer gold will be taken out this Spring than for five years past.

In quartz mining, the heavy snows are, at present, an obstruction, though sure to be beneficial in the end. From the Crook mine we learn, through different sources, that the pay holds out as well as ever. In view of the certainty of water in the East Fork of the Hassayampa, near the mine, the claim owners are preparing to crush their ore by water-power. Fuller & Co. (four in the Company) are putting up a 20-foot overshot wheel. White, Phillips & Cary have a hurdy-gurdy nearly completed, and Moore & Stone have another almost ready for work, with which they propose to do custom work. Those who have been running arrastras in the mountains, by horse-power, are very generally forced to suspend operations temporarily, and send their animals down to the ranches for food, as the grass is all covered up. Mr. E. Fender, one of the best millwrights in this county, is putting up the wheels at the Crook mine, above mentioned, and all parties who have water-power adjacent to their mines, should follow the example of the Crook boys, and get a power that requires no feeding, and will work day and night without rest.

From all sides we hear only good reports concerning the mines and hopes founded on a good basis of a prosperous season ahead. Very little show is made here of the bullion and placer dust produced in this county, but the amount is not inconsiderable. Mr. A. Eilers, whom many of the readers of the MINER will remember as the Mining Commissioner who was here three or four years ago, lately wrote to Col. H. A. Bigelow, to send him a statement of the bullion product of Yavapai county during the year 1874, and the Col. has interviewed the merchants and saloon keepers of Prescott, and finds that the amount of bullion and placer dust shipped to San Francisco during the past year, was \$126,600. The product of Smith's mill, which has been running steadily the whole year, with the placer gold from Weaver, Antelope and other mining sections south of Prescott, which passes through the hands of the Wickenburg merchants, raises the total product of our mines in 1874, to \$227,000 as nearly as can be ascertained, and this amount is almost entirely in gold. There are no works in the county for the reduction of silver ores, and it is only during the past year that miners have been safe in working and keeping animals in the mountains. This year we expect to be able to report a very marked progress in the development of mines in the county and the whole Territory. An examination of the specimens of silver ores in Prescott which have been gathered from various mines in the vicinity, induces us to believe that in the near future this county will be a good field for heavy mining operators.

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